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Today's Weather
It will be hot, with northwesterly variable winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.
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Soviet envoy arrives

AMMAN, July 24 (J.T.) - The 1st of the Near Eastern Council's Department at the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Grinevsky arrived here today on a four day visit to Jordan. He will hold talks with senior government officials on Jordanian-Soviet relations and international issues.

Final Friday of the fasting month



Crowds of worshippers pray outside the Grand Hussein Mosque in downtown Amman on Friday, the last in the month of Ramadan (Staff photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

Guns fall silent in South Lebanon as Israel agrees to U.S. proposals

BEIRUT, July 24 (Agencies) - Two weeks of savage fighting between Israeli and Palestinian forces ended today when Israel agreed to American proposals for a ceasefire. United Nations officers in southern Lebanon reported that the big guns fell silent 15 minutes after the truce negotiated by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib had been due to take effect.

The White House said President Reagan expressed his deep appreciation to Mr. Habib for his efforts in securing Israel's agreement to a ceasefire. Mr. Habib, who originally came to the Middle East to try to defuse the situation after the deployment of Syrian anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon, played a major role in talks in Israel and Saudi Arabia aimed at ending the war of attrition between Israel and the commandos.

Anti-cholera campaigns ring down case rates

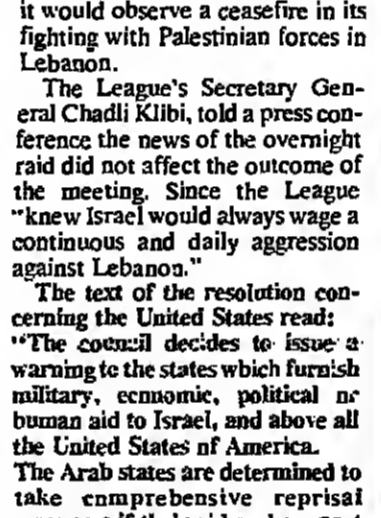
AMMAN, July 24 (J.T.) - Seven cholera cases were reported in Jordan in the past 24 hours and 16 others in the previous day, a Health Ministry spokesman announced today. He said there were no deaths from the disease reported since the start of the cholera outbreak in the country.

King offers Friday prayers at Baqa'a

BAQA'A, July 24 (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein joined worshippers for Friday prayers at the mosque of Al Baqa'a refugee camp today. The congregation listened to the sermon by Sheikh Ahmad Hlayel, director of religious guidance at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic and Holy Places Affairs who called for the mobilisation of Muslim potentials and to confront Israel's vicious acts of aggression on the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples.

Tunis summit warns U.S. of unified Arab action

TUNIS, July 24 (Agencies) - Arab League Joint Defence Council meeting to consider the Israeli offensive in South Lebanon warned the United States today to reduce its support for Israel or face joint action by the Arab World. A resolution after an emergency session of the council said members had agreed on global measures that might be taken against Israel's allies.



Marwan Al Qasem

states will take global measures in the event that continued support and assistance granted to Israel allows it to pursue its aggression against Lebanon and the Arab Nation. The session also resolved to take all measures set out in the joint Arab Defence Treaty to help Lebanon preserve its independence and territorial integrity.



UN official

The League's Secretary General Chadli Klibi, told a press conference the news of the overnight raid did not affect the outcome of the meeting. Since the League "knew Israel would always wage a continuous and daily aggression against Lebanon."

Reagan puts it in black and white to reassure Schmidt on arms talks

AMMAN, July 24 (R) - U.S. President Ronald Reagan has sent a letter to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt giving a clear commitment to reopen disarmament talks with Moscow on European nuclear missiles, a West German government spokesman said today. Reagan's letter, sent just before the seven-day economic summit in Ottawa this week, was an assurance which made Washington's stance East-West arms talks absolutely clear.

Qasem back from Tunis

AMMAN, July 24 (Petra) - Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem returned in Amman this evening after representing Jordan at the emergency meeting of the Arab Joint Defence Council in Tunis. Mr. Qasem briefed the council of Jordan's attitude with regard to the Israeli aggression on the Arab Nation and called for the implementation of a pan-Arab strategy aimed at confronting the Zionist enemy.

N. peace-keeping forces watch in peace as Israelis and Palestinians trade rockets

BEIRUT, July 24 (Agencies) - The U.N. troops in southern Lebanon watched the artillery barrage through their binoculars, as the Palestinians resisted the onslaught and duelled with Israelis and their Lebanese right-wing allies in the U.N. buffer zone before the ceasefire took effect today. "We cannot prevent them from shooting at each other," said Col. Heggstad, the commander of the 845-man Norwegian battalion which patrols the easternmost sector of the buffer zone.

Professional associations discuss boycott of U.S.

AMMAN, July 24 (J.T.) - Heads and members of Jordanian professional associations and trade unions will hold an enlarged meeting in Amman tomorrow to discuss a boycott of American goods. This was decided at a preliminary meeting which was held at the Professional Associations Complex yesterday, during which the participants discussed Israeli acts of aggression on the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples in Lebanon and the continuous U.S. support for the Zionist state in its aggressive policy against the Arab Nation.

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# NATIONAL

In AFP interview

## U.S. attitude illogical, surprising, Badran says

AMMAN, July 24 (Petra) — Jordan is greatly surprised to hear U.S. Middle East envoy Philip Habib's statement that the United States is maintaining its policy of not talking to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) with the aim of ending the current fighting in Lebanon and achieving peace in the region, prime minister Mudar Badran said in a statement published here today.

He told the French news agency Agence France-Presse that a dialogue with the PLO is not only logical, but is the practical course to take, because the Palestinian forces are engaged in the fighting against Israel in defence of the Palestinian people, the refugee camps and Lebanese cities.

The Palestinians are therefore a basic party to the conflict, and they are and must be a fundamental element in any dialogue aimed at achieving peace, Mr. Badran said.

"We really do not understand

the attitude of the American administration, which insists on refusing to address the PLO," Mr. Badran said, "for the Palestinians are not fighting against the United States, but are trying to regain their homeland from the Israeli invaders who deny the Palestinians their rights."

The United States, he added, had had to talk to the Vietnamese people with whom it was engaged

in a direct war. Why then, he asked, does it refuse to sit and talk with the PLO?

If the United States is genuinely concerned with establishing peace and security in Lebanon and the Middle East, and if it really wants to regain its credibility as a super-power endeavouring to restore security and stability to the region, it must open direct dialogue with the Palestinians, Mr. Badran said.

## Official holiday announced

AMMAN, July 24 (J.T.) — All government departments and public institutions will be closed between Thursday, July 30 and Monday, Aug. 3 on the occasion of 'Eid Al Fitr, a communique issued by the prime minister's office said yesterday. 'Eid Al Fitr marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan.

## Amman Turkish counsellor to transfer to Karachi soon

AMMAN, July 24 (J.T.) — The counsellor of the Turkish embassy here, Dr. Ihsan Aksoy, will be leaving Amman for home in the coming few days at the end of his term of service in Jordan.

Dr. Aksoy has been transferred to the post of consul general in Karachi.

During his service here, Dr. Aksoy exerted continual efforts to boost Turkish-Jordanian ties.



Ihsan Aksoy

## \$40m contract signed for Amman-Baghdad microwave

BAGHDAD, July 24 (Petra) — An unidentified Italian firm has won a contract from the Iraqi ministry of communications to implement the Western Dija-Baghdad-Amman microwave project at a cost of \$40 million.

The project, to be completed in 31 months, should make available 1,260 microwave telephone channels between Amman and Baghdad, in addition to two functioning broadcast channels and one spare.

The project entails the installation of microwave equipment and the construction of 17 stations in Iraq extending over 500 kilometres and eight more in Jordanian territory, over 300 kilometres.

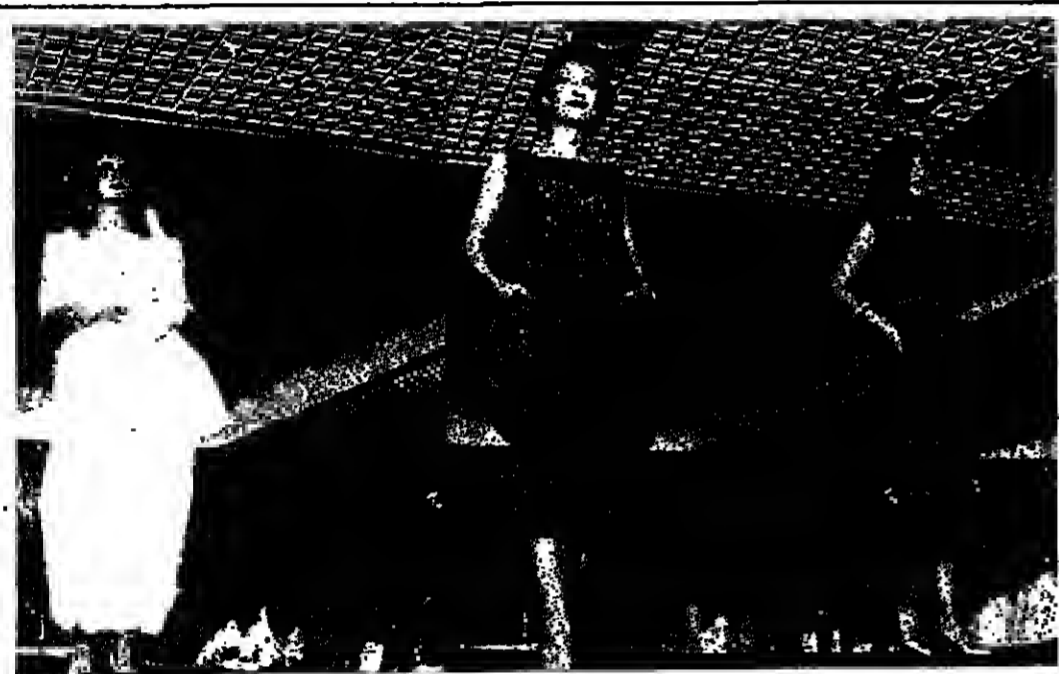
The project, when completed, will ensure better radio and television programme exchanges between Jordan and Iraq.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

#### Exhibitions

\* An exhibition of photographs on religion and religious groups in the Soviet Union, at the Soviet Cultural Centre in Jabal Amman.

\* Paintings of Orientalists and contemporary artists from Arab and Islamic countries, from the Jordan National Gallery's permanent collection, are shown at the gallery in Jabal Luweibdeh.



AMMAN — Jordanian fashion designer Majda Al Qaseer, in holding her fourth fashion show in Amman last week, met with tremendous success. Miss Qaseer did not this time offer her audience the usual variety of the London and Paris fashion houses, but presented exquisite samples of Oriental fash-

ions and styles, ranging from Arabic bloomers of various shapes to horsemen's breeches. The bridal costume was among the dresses that attracted most attention from fashion lovers, consisting of Arabic style trousers with a blouse and belt—a departure from the classical genre of bridal gowns.

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# JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

### JORDAN TELEVISION

#### CHANNEL 3

- 2:00 ..... Koran
- 2:25 ..... Arabic series
- 2:50 ..... Children's series
- 3:45 ..... Arabic series
- 4:05 ..... The Five Adventurers
- 4:25 ..... Arabic series
- 5:20 ..... Arabic series
- 6:00 ..... Religious programme
- 7:10 ..... Programme preview
- 7:25 ..... News in Arabic
- 8:30 ..... Arabic series
- 9:30 ..... Arabic series
- 10:10 ..... Local programmes
- 11:10 ..... News in Arabic
- 11:20 ..... Arabic film

#### CHANNEL 6

- 6:00 ..... French Programme
- 7:00 ..... News in French
- 7:30 ..... News in Hebrew
- 8:30 ..... Comedy
- 9:00 ..... Play
- 10:00 ..... News in English
- 10:15 ..... Cont. of the play

### RADIO JORDAN 855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FM

- 7:00 ..... Sign on
- 7:01 ..... Morning Show
- 7:30 ..... News Bulletin
- 7:40 ..... Morning Show
- 10:00 ..... News Summary
- 10:30 ..... Eternal Jerusalem
- 11:00 ..... Sign off
- 12:00 ..... News Headlines
- 12:03 ..... Pop Session
- 13:00 ..... News Summary
- 13:03 ..... Radioheghe
- 14:00 ..... News Bulletin
- 14:10 ..... Instrumentals
- 14:30 ..... Over a Cup of Tea
- 15:00 ..... Concert Hour
- 16:00 ..... News Summary
- 16:03 ..... Instrumentals
- 16:30 ..... Old Favourites
- 17:00 ..... Melody Time
- 17:30 ..... In Concert
- 18:00 ..... News Summary
- 18:30 ..... Play of the Week
- 19:00 ..... News
- 19:30 ..... Top Twenty
- 20:30 ..... Morecambe and Wise Show

- 21:00 ..... Classical Music
- 22:00 ..... Close down

### BBC WORLD SERVICE 639, 720, 1143 KHz

#### GMT

- 04:00 Newdesk 04:30 Keynotes
- 04:45 Financial News 4:55 Reflections
- 05:00 World News; British Press Review 05:15 About Britain
- 05:30 New Ideas 05:40 Book Choice 05:45 The World Today
- 06:00 Newdesk 06:30 The Madrigal 07:00 World News; News about Britain 07:15 From the Weeklies 07:30 Theme and Variations 07:45 Network U.K. 08:00 World News; Reflections 08:15 Portraits of our Time 08:30 Terry Wogan's Album Time 09:00 World News; British Press Review 09:15 The World Today 09:30 Financial News 09:40 Look Ahead 09:45 Science in Action 10:15 About Britain
- 10:30 Alistair Cooke's American Collection 11:00 World News; News about Britain 11:15 New Ideas 11:25 The Week in Wales 11:30 Meridian 12:00 Radio Newsreel 12:15 Anything Goes 12:45 Sports Round-up 13:00 World News; Commentary 13:15 Network U.K. 13:30 Time Off 14:00 Saturday Special 15:00 Radio Newsreel 15:15 Saturday Special 16:00 World News; Commentary 16:15 Saturday Special 17:00 News Summary; Saturday Special 17:45 Sports Round-Up 18:00 World News; News about Britain 18:15 Radio Newsreel 18:30 Mary Stuart 19:30 Play of the Week 20:00 World News; Commentary 20:15 Goods Books 20:30 The Madrigal 21:00 Short Story 21:15 Opera Gallery 21:30 People and Politics 22:00 World News; From our own Correspondent 22:30 New Ideas 22:40 Reflections 22:45 Sports Round-up 23:00 World News; Commentary 23:15 Letterbox 23:30 Meridian

### VOICE OF AMERICA

- 6:30 The Breakfast Show: news in the hour and 28 min. after each hour 17:00 Weekend 18:00 Special English; news/words and their stories; feature, short stories 18:30 New York, New York 19:00 News

and This Week 19:30 Press Conference USA 20:00 Special English; news/words and their stories 20:15 Music USA (Jazz) 21:00 Weekend

### AMMAN AIRPORT

#### ARRIVALS:

- 7:40 ..... Cairo (EA)
- 8:55 ..... Aqaba
- 9:30 ..... Jeddah
- 9:40 ..... Kuwait
- 9:45 ..... Karachi, Dubai
- 9:50 ..... Doha, Bahrain
- 9:55 ..... Beirut
- 10:00 ..... Dhahran
- 11:05 ..... Riyadh (SV)
- 11:40 ..... Abu Dhabi (SR)
- 15:35 ..... Kuwait (KAC)
- 16:30 ..... Cairo
- 17:15 ..... Chicago, N. York
- 17:25 ..... Vienna (SK)
- 17:25 ..... Copenhagen, Athens (SK)
- 17:25 ..... London (BA)
- 17:40 ..... Copenhagen, Athens
- 17:55 ..... Cairo
- 18:00 ..... London
- 18:45 ..... Paris, Beirut (AF)
- 19:05 ..... Amsterdam, Athens (KLM)
- 19:10 ..... Frankfurt
- 19:50 ..... Cairo (EA)
- 20:00 ..... Beirut (MEA)
- 23:40 ..... Cairo (EA)
- 24:00 ..... Baghdad
- 24:55 ..... London (BA)
- 01:00 ..... Cairo

#### DEPARTURES:

- 5:15 ..... Damascus, Frankfurt (LH)
- 6:30 ..... Beirut
- 7:00 ..... Aqaba
- 7:45 ..... Paris (AF)
- 10:00 ..... Frankfurt
- 10:20 ..... Madrid
- 11:20 ..... Tripoli, Tunis
- 11:30 ..... Cairo
- 11:45 ..... Geneva, Brussels
- 12:00 ..... London
- 12:05 ..... Riyadh (SV)
- 12:30 ..... Paris
- 12:40 ..... Athens, Zurich (SR)
- 12:40 ..... Cairo (EA)
- 13:00 ..... Cairo
- 16:30 ..... Kuwait (KAC)
- 19:00 ..... Kuwait
- 19:30 ..... Jeddah
- 19:45 ..... Baghdad
- 20:00 ..... Cairo
- 20:15 ..... Abu Dhabi, Dubai

- 20:30 ..... Cairo (EA)
- 01:00 ..... Cairo
- 02:30 ..... Rawalpindi (BA)

### EMERGENCIES

#### DOCTORS:

- Amman: Abdul Salam Al Mahari ..... 7333
- Nidal Maraga ..... 71218
- Irbid: Mohammad Al Shar' ..... 73680
- Zarqa: Misbah Al Hajjawi ..... 81217

#### PHARMACIES:

- Amman: Al Salam ..... 36730
- Al Sabbagh ..... 23055
- Al Mansar ..... 51048
- Irbid: Al Shamal ..... (-)
- Zarqa: Abu Leil ..... (-)

#### TAXIS:

- Tasina ..... 44660
- Al Neil ..... 44433
- Tariq ..... 23024
- Shamsani ..... 65294
- Asem ..... 66503

### CULTURAL CENTRES

- American Centre ..... 41520
- British Council ..... 36147-8
- French Cultural Centre ..... 37009
- Goethe Institute ..... 41993
- Soviet Cultural Centre ..... 44203
- Spanish Cultural Centre ..... 24049
- Turkish Cultural Centre ..... 39777
- Haya Arts Centre ..... 65195
- Husseini Youth City ..... 67181
- Y.W.C.A. ..... 41793
- Y.W.M.A. ..... 64251
- Amman Municipal Library 36111
- University of Jordan Library 843355/843666

### SERVICE CLUBS

- Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Grand Palace Hotel,

1:30 p.m. Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 1:30 p.m.

Rotary Club. Meetings every Thursday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2:00 p.m.

Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.

### MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 23316

Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed on Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays. Tel. 30128

### PRAYER TIMES

- Fajr ..... 3:10
- Sunrise ..... 4:46
- Dhuhr ..... 11:43
- 'Asr ..... 3:23
- Maghreb ..... 6:38
- 'Isha ..... 8:14

### LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

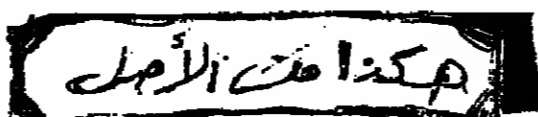
Saudi riyal	98.6/98.8	UAE dirham	91.6/92	(for every 100)	27.75
Lebanese pound	75.8/76.3	Omani riyal	972.1/975.8	French franc	57.85
Syrian pound	55.2/55.8	U.S. dollar	335/337	Dutch guilder	123.87
Iraqi dinar	725/729	U.K. sterling	625.8/629.6	Swedish crown	64.58
Kuwaiti dinar	1185.5/1188.1	W. German mark	137.9/138.7	Belgian franc	34.26
Egyptian pound	386/390.8	Swiss franc	160/161	Japanese yen	143.37
Omani riyal	92.3/92.6	Italian lire		(for every 100)	143.37

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance (government)	75111	Firstaid, fire, police	222
Civil Defence rescue	6111	Fire headquarters	222
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36381-2	Cablegram or telegram	
Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3	Telephones	
Police headquarters	3914	Information	
Najdoh roving patrol (English spoken)	21111, 37777	Jordan and Middle East trunk calls	
24 hours a day for emergency	92285/92286	Overseas radio and satellite calls	
Airport information (ALIA)	73111	Telephone maintenance and repair service	
Jordan Television	74111		
Radio Jordan	74111		

### MARKET PRICES

Tomatoes	60	40	Grape leaves	260
Eggplant	120	80	Bananas	260
Potatoes (imported)	130	100	Apples (African, Japanese)	410
Marrow (small)	150	90	Apples (American, Chilean, Red)	430
Marrow (large)	80	50	Apples (American, Chilean, Green)	390
Cucumber (small)	110	70	Apples (Double-Red)	280
Cucumber (large)	80	50	Apples (Starken)	200
Faqous	110	70	Melons	150
Peas	240	180	Water Melons	80
Okra (Green)	220	160	Plums (Red)	250
Okra (Red)	220	160	Plums (Yellow)	220
Muloukhiyah	60	40	Apricots	320
Hot Green Pepper	240	180	Cherries	380
Cabbage	100	70	Lemons	120
Onions (dry)	110	80	Oranges (Valencia, Waxed)	180
Garlic	520	400	Oranges (Waxed)	180
Carrots	80	60	Grapefruit	160
Potatoes (local)	150	90		





Video users assess the effects of the home screen

# Hands off the tapes, kids...

## In the fourth of a series of articles on video in Jordan, Mohammad Ayish talks to some video owners about their experiences

of video for the family members, particularly children, Mr. Yassin said, he had begun to regulate the use of the video machine as well as the films played on it. "We watch the tapes three or four times a week, but the length of each viewing session depends on the power supply — whose voltage usually drops during television 'prime time,' from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m."

The tapes played on Mr. Yassin's home video machine range from horror movies to car educational films. "But I usually like horror and war movies," he told the Jordan Times.

For Mr. Yassin, a video machine is used not only to play tapes, but to record material from television. He said that he has his own library of videotapes, containing material he has recorded from television. He can then watch such tapes on his machine whenever he likes.

"This is one of the advantages of video that television does not have: you can watch the tape you like whenever you decide to," he commented.

Mr. Yassin said that he intends

to expand the use of his video machine so that he can make and view tapes on the life of his own family. He is planning to buy a video camera for that purpose, he said.

The flexibility of the video machine in comparison to television or cinema is widely appreciated by video owners.

Mr. Waddah Tuffaheh, who owns a toy shop, said he has a video machine at home because it makes it easy for him to watch the programmes he likes, when he likes. But he pointed out that unlike some people who spend most of their time with a video machine, he only uses it whenever he decides that the TV programmes are too boring to watch.

He added that he has instructed his children not even to touch the machine unless he is at home. He told the Jordan Times he is convinced that video machines are being abused by overuse and improper material.

But while some video machine owners seem to feel "captivated" by the machines, others are convinced that by using video at

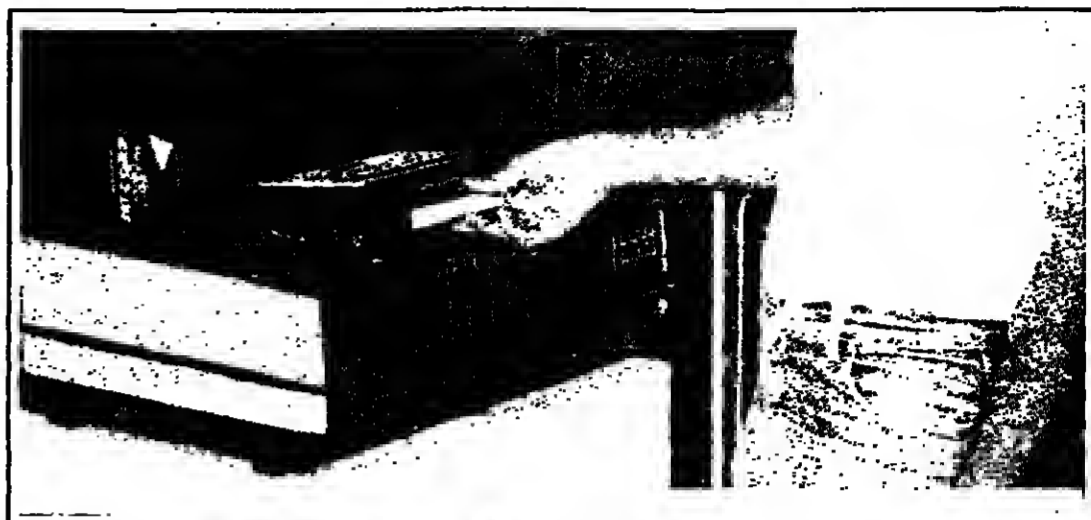
home, they are acting normally, "as it helps to bring the family members together rather than otherwise," as one said.

"Video machines have educational purposes as well as recreational ones; but parents should be cautious in regard to their children's attitudes towards the machine," one woman said as she selected tapes at a video centre. She told the Jordan Times that she and her husband like to watch drama and adventure films: "horror movies have no place on our video shelf."

She added that whenever she goes "video shopping", she takes her seven-year-old son along to make his own choices. The boy, who was with his mother, told the Jordan Times that his favourites include "The Incredible Hulk", "Superman", "Birdman" and "Spiderman". He added that he prefers to watch a video show rather than go out for a soccer or tennis game. But he said that he would rather watch the video with his parents than with his friends.

While children under 10 years old seem to be strongly attached to the video programmes, teenagers seem not to feel the same way. Mr. Ahmad Qatouri, 16, said that he likes to watch video; but he would not away with many of his other activities for the sake of a cartoon or adventure film. He also realised, under instructions from his parents, that he should be more attentive to his studies, he said.

Like most other video users, Mr. Qatouri said his family does not buy tapes, but rents them at the rate of 100 tapes for JD 100. He also indicated a tape stays with his family for four days before it is returned to the video centre, and went on to say that his



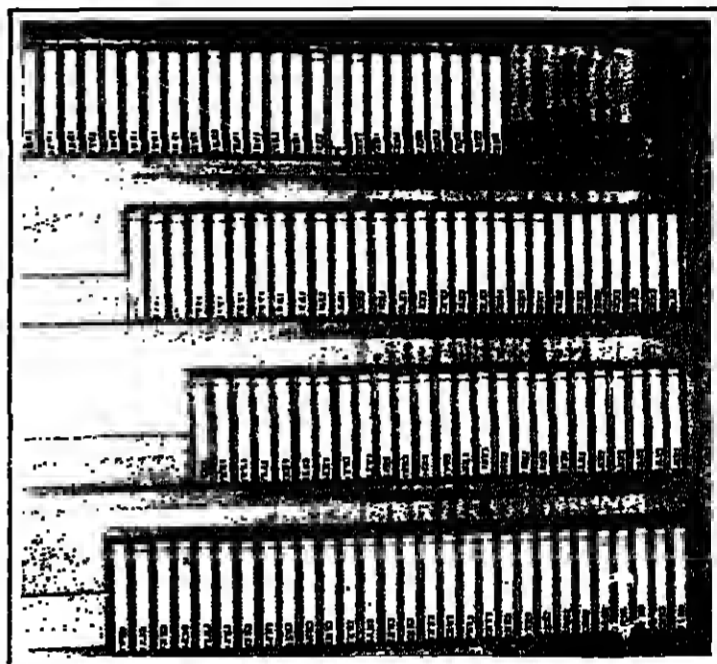
Use of the video is easy — and perhaps dangerous — for children

family's video habits mean he has to make regular shuttles between his home and the centre to exchange tapes. While he likes James Bond and cowboy movies, his father prefers horror movies and his mother and little sister watch Arabic films, Mr. Qatouri said.

While some video owners seem enthusiastic about the "mission" of the machine, others seem not to feel that such machines have any purpose at all to serve.

"When I go home tired and exhausted, I just need anything for change and entertainment, and videotapes are good for that," said Mr. Mazen Al Aayed, a lawyer. He told the Jordan Times that at the beginning of his experience with the video machine, he was keen on getting some use out of it, but he began to lose interest and now he watches any film material.

But, he added his video machine has affected his TV watching habits, because "it is more flexible and adaptable to our preferences."



The video library provides flexibility (Staff photos by Harout Balikgean)



## THE VIDEO RAGE

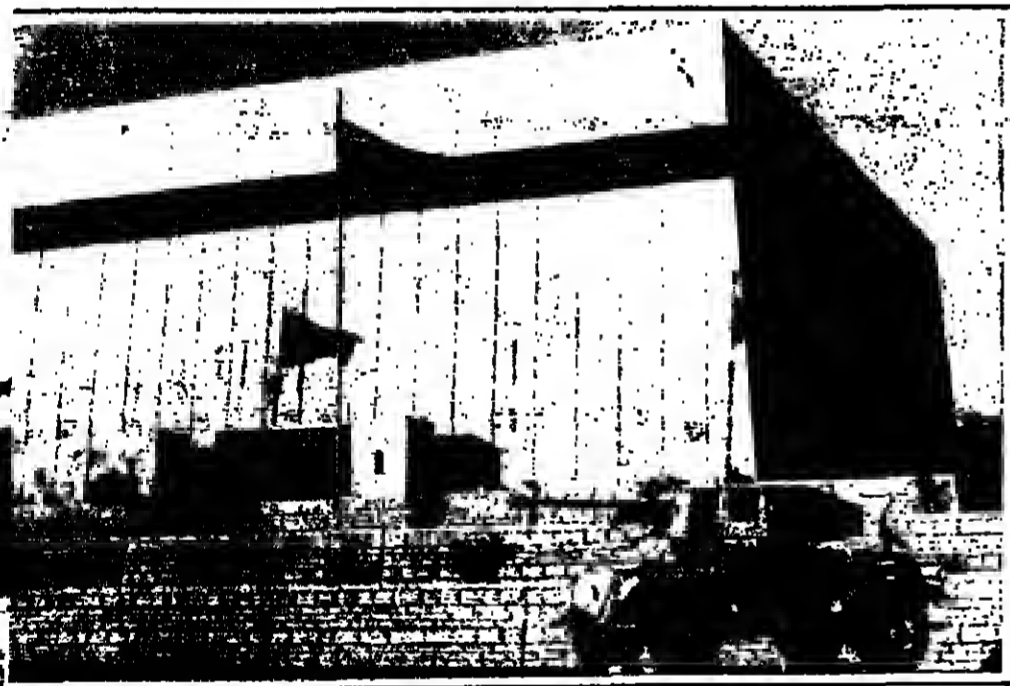
A Jordan Times series

"Just about the only regret in my life is that I don't have a video machine," says company official Mr. Yassin. "When children attempt to tamper with the machine, we must firm with them. But

such tight 'censorship' in the family can lead to dictatorship and an authoritarian upbringing," he said. He added that when he bought his video machine two years ago, he never thought that it would have such an effect.

The video machine can be used in three ways, he said: educational, recreational and time-wasting.

Realising the harmful potential



...ry museum's magnificent entrance

# Jordan's Shrine to peace

By Phyllis Hughes  
Special to the Jordan Times

AN — Amman's military museum, the Al Shaheed, is not only a monument to an's armed forces, but also a shrine to who died defending their country.

tely building, perched on overlooking Sports City. It was opened in 1977 of the Silver Jubilee cel-

brations of His Majesty King Hussein. The magnificent memorial is 37.8 metres long, 27.2 metres wide and 13.5 metres high. The white-faced building is enc-



on the Forum runs around the museum's walls near the top



His Majesty King Hussein waters the olive tree, symbolic of eternity, outside the museum (photo courtesy Jordanian armed forces)

tral massif — used to screen a 25-minute film about the history of the army.

In the cool of the interior the visitor ascends a series of ramps, each devoted to a period in Jordan's military history.

The display cases are constructed in the form of antique military chests, and house all sorts of treasures from the personal belongings of King Abdullah to examples of the latest sophisticated military equipment.

Inside the cases are superb photographs, taken from Jordan's own military archives to illustrate the major events in the country's history.

### Great Revolt

There are details of the Great Arab Revolt in 1916, led by Sharif Hussein Ibn Ali. Its aim was justice for the Arabs, so that they could recreate their former glory and occupy their rightful place among the nations of the world.

There are guns, knives and artefacts from the period, set against a backdrop of contemporary photographs.

One case houses the personal belongings of Capt. F.G. Peake, who was appointed by the British government to set up a mobile armed force for the maintenance of law and order.

The armed forces developed under the British mandate and fought bravely in the 1948 war. Shortly after that King Talal came to the throne, following the ass-

assination of King Abdullah. The gun used to kill King Abdullah is on display at the museum.

Under King Talal Ibn Abdullah, the National Guard was formed. Training was also introduced for men who had reached military age.

King Hussein was proclaimed King of Jordan in 1952, and four years later he made military history when he placed the Army entirely under Arab command.

The fourth infantry brigade was set up in 1957, while in 1958 heavy artillery was introduced into the Corps of Royal Artillery. The armoured brigade was also reorganised in that year, being composed of two tank regiments, two armoured car regiments, a reconnaissance squadron and one mechanised infantry regiment. In 1961 it was renamed the Royal Armoured Force.

One section of the museum is devoted to modern history between 1967 and 1977. It includes items from the Royal Jordanian Air Force.

Above the cases are beautiful glass panels, bearing verses from the Koran.

On the final section of the ramp are mementoes of the present Jordanian Armed Forces. And at the top of the ramp is a glass panel bearing the names of those who have sacrificed their lives for the country, emblazoned in gold.

On the roof is a walled garden open to the sky. Here is planted a sacred olive tree — the symbol of eternity and paradise. The tree is

watered by visiting dignitaries.

Col. Adnan Daghestani, head of the armed forces' Directorate of Moral Guidance, told the Jordan Times: "Olive trees are mentioned in the Koran, and are a sacred symbol of our religion."

He said that there were plans to extend the museum to incorporate current information and treasures of the armed forces.

### Shrine of peace

The aim of the museum is not as a monument to war — on the contrary it is considered to be a shrine of peace.

The late King Abdullah summed up the situation in his preface to his memoirs. He said: "In these days we see men who have invented bombs and machines and electricity and other things and who are so pleased with their own cleverness that they say there is no God."

"They hope that their inventions will save mankind, but we see those inventions turning only to destruction of mankind. These men are clever but they are not wise — the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom."

"Soldiers are nearer to death than other men, and it is essential for us to understand who we are. It is necessary for us to realise that God, not men, created the universe, and only God, not men, can control it."

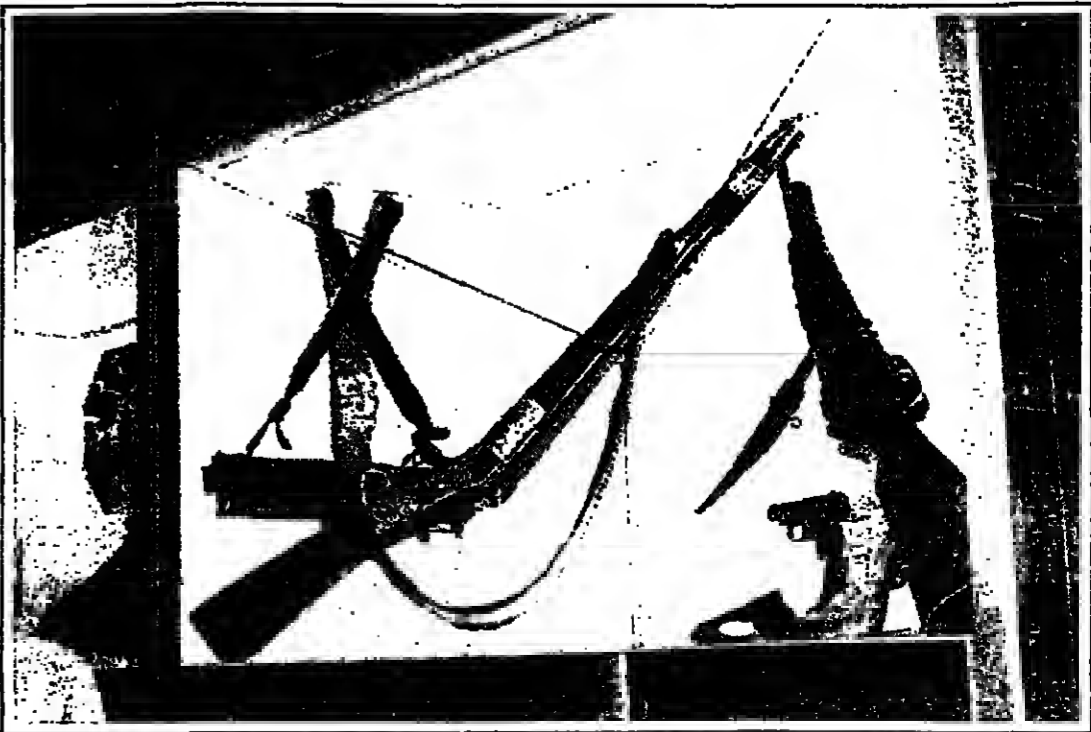
"We must not fall in to the same errors as the unbelievers and count up our guns, our bombs, our tanks and our aeroplanes, and pray to them for deliverance. This is a new idolatry, like those men who once worshipped stones and trees."

The museum is open every day except Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## The Jordan Times visits the military museum near Al Hussein Youth City in Amman: the second in a series of articles on Jordan's museums



Visitors inspect military mementoes in the museum's cool interior



Selection of weapons used in the past by Jordan's soldiers (Staff photos by Harout Balikgean)



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# BUSINESS HORIZON

## Jordan's balance of payments, surplus or deficit?

By Fahed Fanek

DETAILS OF JORDAN'S balance of payments for 1980 are now available. The conclusions that can be drawn from this important statement depend on how you read the figures and interpret them, and what is the purpose of the analysis.

If what we are after is to determine the final result or the bottom line of the country's transactions with the world, we can state that the balance of payments reflects a surplus of JD 107.61 million (\$323 million), represented in the increase in the country's foreign exchange reserve held by the Central Bank and the banking system, net of their foreign short-term liabilities.

This surplus can also become JD 132.67 million, if we take the result before the errors and omissions item of JD 25.06 million which is the method used by the Central Bank in its annual reports. However, the errors and omissions must have taken place in the entries of goods and services, not the monetary sector, and therefore should be treated as an adjustment to the current account and not added or subtracted from the final surplus or deficit of the balance of payments as reflected by the monetary sector.

If we were reading the balance of payments for the sake of the substance, not the forms, we should concentrate on transactions before accounting for external aid, special drawing rights and other investments (i.e. the balance of goods and services that we exchange with the world). Here we find a big deficit of JD 300 million representing the difference between the trade deficit of JD 556 million and the services surplus of JD 256 million.

From this angle we can see a structural deficit in the balance of payments, which is being covered by foreign aid, long and short term loans and investments.

In this regard, we must note that this structural deficit is worsening steadily. The trade deficit — the difference between imports and exports of commodities — was JD 270 million in 1976, JD 371 million in 1977, JD 368 million in 1978, JD 467 million in 1979, and finally JD 556 million in 1980.

The surplus in the balance of services also has increased but at a slower pace and with alternate trends. It was JD 161 million in 1976, up to JD 203 million in 1977, down to JD 17 million in 1978, down to JD 151 million in 1979, and finally up to JD 256 million in 1980.

My conclusion is that if final surplus in Jordan's balance of payments is a positive and healthy indicator, strengthening the financial position of the country, but this should not concede the structural deficit in the real activities of the Jordan national economy in its dealing with the world. This deficit can be remedied only through augmentation of national exports in goods and services at a faster rate than growth of imports. All Jordanian economic development plans so far aimed at that, but could not achieve it. Hence there is no talk of reducing deficit in absolute figures. On the reduction of the importance of the deficit, relative to the national economy expected and hoped for.

### The twilight zone

ONE OF THE more farcical episodes of contemporary diplomacy is the current attempt by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib to bring about a ceasefire between Israel and the forces of the Palestinian resistance, represented by the PLO. The only trouble is that Mr. Habib is not allowed to have any contact with the PLO. In ordinary human circles, Mr. Habib's mission would appear rather difficult from the procedural point of view. If he cannot meet and talk with the PLO, what is he supposed to do? Run some newspaper advertisements? Send smoke signals from the nearest American embassy? Pass a message to the PLO via interviews with the American television networks?

You see, however, this does not bother the Americans, because with respect to their Middle Eastern policy, they have never travelled in ordinary human circles. They occupy a special twilight zone, a make-believe world in which the PLO does not exist, in which the Palestinians are supposed to forget the past three-quarters of a century of struggling for their national right to self-determination and accept an insulting, imbecilic concept of autonomy that has more to do with political expediency in domestic American politics than it does with the reality of Palestine. The Americans have obediently painted themselves into the corner that Israel has assigned them. They both believe that it is alright to bomb the Palestinians, but not to negotiate with them. How peculiar: the Americans present themselves as the impartial, peace-loving mediators, but it is their armaments that Israel is using to bomb the Palestinians; and it is their servile attitude towards Israel that now compels the poor Mr. Habib to wander around the Middle East talking to anybody who will listen to him, hovering around the Palestinian issue and the PLO but unable, and unallowed by Israel's veto over American foreign policy, ever to come down to earth and start a genuine mediating effort by initiating a dialogue with the Palestinians and the PLO. That strikes us as one of the most ridiculous things we have come across for many, many years. When the time comes for the Americans to pay the price of their accumulated incompetence and bad faith, however, it will not seem as funny or as amusing as it does today.

### Ramallah hotels in decline

RAMALLAH, with its comfortable summer climate and gracious hotels, has been a favourite resort of Arab tourists for half a century. But, while the cool and dry climate has not changed, tourists no longer nestle in the West Bank town for a restful summer vacation with their families.

The 'ace of hearts' of Ramallah's resort trade has always been the Grand Hotel, a simple yet elegant structure of yellow chiseled stone built by the grandfather of proprietress Ida Odeh. This year the three-star hotel is marking its 50th year of operation by closing its doors. Since June 1967, when the hotel was used as occupation headquarters for the Israeli army, it has been limping along on irregular, short-term clientele — Palestinians from the areas occupied by Israel in 1948, West Bank honeymoon couples, a few conference delegates, European 'fact-finding' tourists, and "silly teenagers" as Ida calls them.

Now maintaining the 20-room spacious hotel, with its full kitchen and large gardens has become too much for Ida, who took over the hotel's management after her father's death in 1954.

She has seen the hotel — and Ramallah — go through a sad metamorphosis since its heyday in the 1960's. "Arabs from Lebanon, Jordan, and later Saudi Arabia and Kuwait would come to Ramallah bringing their families to stay for extended periods to enjoy the climate, the quiet, and yet be near Jerusalem."

Palestinians who travelled back home for the summer liked to stay at Odeh's hotel because of its family environment, and over the years the hotel counted on the same summer clientele. There were regal tenants as well. Lebanon's former President Chammoun, the Agha Khan and His Majesty King Hussein all stayed at the Grand.

Ida remembers that before the occupation, on a typical Sunday summer afternoon, "we would have 800 visitors on the grounds. People would come from Amman just to spend the afternoon in our garden. The orchestra — it was always imported from Italy or Spain — would play outside from 2 4 in the afternoon and then play inside in the evening for dancing."

The resplendent garden has been kept up by Ida and her 82-year-old mother but there are few visitors. "Now soldiers chase students through the garden and use the lot for parking their military jeeps."

The hotel, which graces a summit above the main street, is in a strategic location, appreciated by many occupying armies.

It was headquarters for the Turkish army, the British (from 1939 to the end of the Mandate), by Jordan until they moved out in 1952 and by the Israelis for 22 "miserable" days in 1967.

Ida Odeh does not like to recall the initial days of West Bank occupation after her family's hotel took in 23 refugees from the bombed Shu'fat area. When the Israeli soldiers arrived on the third day of the war, they kept the hotel employees and the refugees in one room and then sprawled themselves over the rest of the hotel and grounds.

They spent 22 days at the hotel. (According to Israeli law soldiers must pay for quarters held longer than 13 days.) The Israeli army eventually paid Ida 23 piasters, or about the cost of two coffees, for housing the hundreds of soldiers.

After the war the West Bank became a 'closed area,' blocked to Arab visitors except those with immediate family who applied for visitors' permits on their behalf. Tourism effectively stopped, even after the bridges 'opened' to allow selective family reunions. Gone were the Palestinians who had come to Ramallah for relaxation. The demonstrations, curfews, roadblocks, harassment, and scrutiny of political and non-political activities replaced the dancing under open skies, prancing and lazy drinking of arak.

The occasional tourists do not

### ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

**AL RA'Y:** The Palestinians fighting off Israel's attacks in southern Lebanon have displayed sufficient self-restraint and respect for the U.N. Security Council's call for a ceasefire, at a time when Israel has been escalating its acts of aggression. Therefore, the Palestinians now have no alternative but to continue their self-defence; and they no longer feel bound by the Security Council's resolution.

In the past 48 hours, Israeli military and political leaders had been holding what was described as a security committee meeting, which implies Israel's intention to launch wide-scale military aggression.

Furthermore, the Israeli military commander near the Lebanese border has stated that the whole of Israel's war machinery seems unable to destroy the Palestinian forces in Lebanon. Of course this statement is regarded as a prior justification for Israel's next move in the region.

With this picture in mind, the Arab Joint Defence Council holds its current session in Tunis to find the proper means of confronting the Zionist aggression. It is natural that the Arab states face the threats by adopting joint and effective action to defend themselves.

On the other hand, the Arab Nation, which has been listening to a number of voices in the U.S. Congress condemning Begin's actions, cannot exonerate the American administration of responsibility for the deteriorating situation in the Middle East.

If the U.S. is genuinely concerned with restoring peace, it must open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, as Prime Minister Mudar Badran said in his statement Thursday.

In view of the accelerating developments and looming threats, the Arab oil countries are called on to use their oil and financial deposits abroad as an effective weapon to defend the Arab interests, since this weapon represents a fundamental element of Arab self-strength.

There is no room for any hesitation on the part of the Arab countries, which must understand that the danger they are facing now is far too big for the Palestinians to handle on their own.

**AL DUSTOUR:** From the midst of the Arab silence and the hesitant and shy voices reacting to the dangerous developments in Lebanon comes the voice of Prime Minister Mudar Badran, addressing the U.S. with the courage of a true and responsible Arab citizen.

Mr. Badran has made it clear that Washington bears responsibility for the current developments, since it insists on ignoring the existence of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the main party in the Middle East conflict, and by so doing shirks its superpower responsibility of trying to bring about peace in the Middle East.

The bloody events in Lebanon have undermined the crystal clear fact that the Palestinian resistance is alone fighting the war against Israel — confronting its air, land and sea attacks and daily bombardments. It is the only Arab power that is hitting back at Israel — forcefully — compelling it to admit the effectiveness of the Palestinian resistance.

Furthermore, the current fighting has prompted the U.N. Security Council to issue an appeal to the Palestinians to stop the fighting — thus recognising them as the main party in the war, which in itself is considered as a new development on the international scene.

### Inventing a new life-style

*"The sheer size of this man-made tower, planted among the churning green waves, comes as a shock. What can it be like to live and work here, in this steel honeycomb ... with its glowing, guttering flare boom?"* Fay Gjester visits Statfjord to find out.

**OSLO:** In the middle of the North Sea, half way between Norway and the Shetland Islands, lies the largest offshore platform yet put into production anywhere in the world — Statfjord A. Standing in a water depth of 145 metres, it measures 217 metres from the seabed to the helicopter deck at the top of its living quarters section. Its three-tiered steel superstructure, supported by three concrete pillars, weighs 290,000 tonnes, and a cluster of concrete storage cells at its base can hold 1.3 million barrels of oil (175,000 tonnes), equivalent to three full days' production.

As its name indicates, Statfjord A is just the first of several installations that will win oil and gas from the Statfjord discovery — an undersea field 100 kilometres square which overlaps the British-Norwegian sector boundary. There are two more to come, slightly larger than A, and with some design changes. Statfjord B was christened in June and will be towed to the field in August. Work on Statfjord C has just started, and is scheduled for two-out in 1984.

For the moment, though, Statfjord A is world's largest. The arriving visitor finds this easy to believe, as the helicopter eases itself on to the deck at the platform's south-east corner. On the 80-minute flight from the mainland, conversation has been impossible because of the deafening rotor noise. With earplugs in place, there has been ample time to read the glossy brochures, full of facts, figures and diagrams, which newcomers are given before take off.

Even so, the sheer size of this man-made tower, planted among the churning green waves, comes as a shock. What can it be like to live and work here, in this steel honeycomb with its projecting cranes, drilling derrick and glowing, guttering flare boom?

Statfjord A is not just an impressive piece of hardware. It is also the workplace, and temporary home, of a unique community numbering more than a thousand men and women. Their life-style, evolved to meet the needs of the North Sea, is new and different from anything land-based workers have ever experienced. Most of them seem to thrive on it.

Because of transport problems, Statfjord A employees put in a gruelling two weeks offshore, followed by three weeks' land leave. During the fortnight on the platform, they work a 12-hour day, seven days a week. Moreover, despite all the safety precautions, there is the ever-present element of danger. This workplace is, after all, balanced on the top of wells that are unceasingly gushing forth highly flammable oil and gas, at high temperatures and under enormous pressures.

North Sea oil platforms do not pump up oil and gas. A reservoir that needed pumps for extraction as many oil fields on land do — would not be economic to produce, in this difficult environment. Instead, much of the platform's equipment is designed to tame and regulate the flow of oil and gas, lowering pressures so that gas can be separated from the oil, cooling the oil for storage, and re-injecting the gas so that it can be re-used in the reservoir, far below the sea bed. It is being stored there until pipelines can be laid to take it to consumers in Europe — and possibly to the United Kingdom as well.

The flare boom that projects from one side of the platform burns off any excess gas that the system cannot handle. From time to time, if pressure equipment briefly fails, the relatively small pilot flame will suddenly expand to a swirling, black and orange cloud of fire whose scorching heat can be felt on the platform's external gangways, several hundred metres away.

Safety routines are strict, and are continually being tightened, in the light of experience. Before departure from the shore base, everyone is searched for articles that are forbidden offshore. These include explosives, weapons, fireworks, cigarette lighters and "strike anywhere" matches, as well as poisons, drugs and alcohol. On oil platform a clear head is a must. Visitors fill in forms giving their blood group and next of kin.

The helicopter trip itself is a hazard — so far there have been three helicopter crashes in Norway's part of the North Sea, plus about 15 emergency landings that were close shaves. A total of 36 died in the crashes, many not from

drowning, but from exposure.

Now, all helicopter passengers have to wear insulated coveralls — survival suits — which can maintain body temperatures for several hours in the chilly sea water. The suits are orange, with reflector strips, for easy visibility. In addition a life jacket is worn — deflated, to facilitate quick exit from the helicopter in an emergency.

Once aboard, there are more reminders of the risks offshore. A big supply vessel constantly circles the platform, ready to pick up survivors if an accident should occur. From time to time it tests its fire-fighting cannons, spraying a huge arc of salt water.

Prominently displayed signs, in three languages, indicate the fastest route to the lifeboats and to the floating rig, 'Polymariner', anchored beside Statfjord A, which provides sleeping accommodation for more than half its labour force.

The men and women on board appear to take all this in their stride. Because of the shift system, only about 420 people are on the field at any given time, and of these only half are on duty. They include a variety of nationalities — though about 85 per cent are Norwegians — and span a wide range of personnel, from geologists, maintenance workers and drilling crews to nurses, secretaries and catering staff.

There is an atmosphere of contented, orderly activity on board — a kind of ordinariness — which comes as a surprise after all the precautions that attend the outward journey. One explanation for this could be the physical surroundings. Even the producing part of the platform — the giant steel halls that contain the drilling and processing equipment, generators, and so on — are not very different from large industrial plants on land. They are no noisier, and probably much cleaner and tidier. Because of space limitations and the fire hazard, no litter can be left about.

The living quarters, including offices, cabins, recreation lounges, canteen and sick bay, are attractively furnished, with bright curtains framing the triple-glazed windows. Teams of cleaners keep everything ship-shape. There are signs reminding employees not to wear work clothes or boots in the living quarters section — "This is your home". Indeed, apart from the view from the windows, and the occasional shudder when an extra large wave hits the platform pillars, it is easy to forget where you are. This could be any modern

office or hotel building, anywhere.

In between the regular meals, in case anyone gets peckish, tea, coffee and cakes are served. Not surprisingly, many platform workers put on weight during their fortnight offshore, despite all the stairs the outside workers have to climb (there are lifts in the living quarters section and in the platform's machinery shaft).

In the few waking hours that they are not working or eating, employees can amuse themselves playing billiards or ping pong, watching TV, video or films in the platform cinema. Fishing is a popular sport, and is allowed from the adjacent hotel platform. It had to be banned on Statfjord A itself, because lost fishing lines got tangled with the propeller of the unmanned submarine used for inspecting the platform's base.

Women account for about a fifth of Statfjord's work force, and their presence undoubtedly contributes to the general impression of normality. According to Jan Peter Haaland, safety officer on board, there was a marked rise in standards of grooming when the first women began to appear on the platform, soon after the construction period ended. "Life became much more civilised. Before then, the men used to be careless about shaving and so on — some even came to the canteen in their underpants. Now, as you see, they keep themselves looking respectable."

How do people adapt to the strange working rhythm, with two weeks on and three weeks off? They either get to like it very much, says Mr. Haaland, or they give up after a while. Ex-seamen find the transition easiest, because they are used to long periods of shore leave. The secret is to have a hobby, or part-time job, to fill the days on land.

Some people set up a small business, and reap the extra benefit of tax write-offs — useful in a country with Norway's high level of personal taxation. Job for job, platform salaries average 40 per cent above those paid on shore in Norway, itself a high-wage area.

Mr. Haaland himself has no problem keeping busy when ashore. His wife, who works only half time when he's on the platform, switches to full time when he's at home. "Then I take over the housework and the kids," he explains cheerfully. He also says



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# MIDDLE EAST

## Violence marks Iran's presidential election Raja'i looks assured of becoming next president

LONDON, July 24 (R) — Three Islamic revolutionary guards and two civilians were killed in gun and bomb attacks in Tehran as Iranians voted today for a president to replace Dr. Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr.

Iranian state radio, monitored by Reuters, said two guards were killed by a bomb. The civilians died in another bomb attack.

There were incidents at Iranian embassies in a number of foreign cities including Vienna, Bonn, Munich and Ankara as Iranian supporters and opponents of the incumbent regime clashed in the casting of their votes.

The bombings and gun attacks were apparently aimed at disrupting the elections and expressing opposition to the regime.

Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Raja'i, supported by the all-powerful clergy, looked assured of a landslide victory after the three other candidates announced their support for him. The state radio said other areas of the country were calm during the voting and that Iranians had cast their votes "enthusiastically" and in great numbers.

Tehran residents reached by telephone, said numbers were being called down on the Islamic republic's first presidential election in January 1980 which gave Bani-Sadr the job with 75 per cent of votes cast.

Today's elections were called by Dr. Bani-Sadr who was ousted as president and armed forces commander-in-chief last month in a Muslim fundamentalist coup to eliminate all overt opposition.

Dr. Bani-Sadr, a layman, had been critical of the clergy's role in politics and had vetoed the appointment of several fundamentalists to cabinet posts.

He went underground, apparently within Iran, after his removal from office since he had called for resistance against the fundamentalist line.

Dr. Bani-Sadr still considers himself Iran's legal president. Election results were not expected for the next day or two. Size of the turnout was likely to be the focal point of interest in constant calls by the fundamentalists for people to vote as a sign of support for the regime.

When Iranians voted for an Islamic republic in 1979, the authorities said 98 per cent of the 22 million electorate turned out. The turnout figure in the 1980 presidential election was 14 million.

Raja'i assured of victory

With Mr. Raja'i election almost a foregone conclusion, the urging of people to vote may have been aimed at getting the prime minister more votes than the 10 million scored by Dr. Bani-Sadr last year, some Iranians abroad believe.

Some of the Tehran residents reached by telephone said they had voted because they wanted a ballot stamp on their identity cards. People without such stamps had been harassed after previous elections, they said.

Spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, in seclusion during the present holy Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, cast his ballot this morning near his home at Jamaran, north Tehran, the official Pars news agency reported.

Iranians abroad protest

In Vienna, at least one shot was fired as Iranians clashed while casting votes in their embassy. Four people were wounded, one of them shot in the hand, and 37 people were detained after trying to occupy the embassy.

Students among those detained issued a statement saying they supported the leftist Muslim Mujahedin guerrillas, many of whom have been executed in Iran in the past month.

"Torture and execution of revolutionary and democratic opponents have become part of the (Iranian) regime's daily policy... no progressive person in Iran is safe," it said.

Pictures of Ayatollah Khomeini were ripped up before armed Turkish police took both groups away.

One of the anti-government groups said they supported Dr. Bani-Sadr and considered him still president.

In Bonn, more than 200 people demonstrated against the Tehran government outside the Iranian embassy. Men and women supporting the Mujahedin and Fedayeen guerrilla groups sang revolutionary songs and chanted "no more mass murder in Iran."

In Munich, about 35 Iranians forced their way into the Iranian consulate and tried to send a protest telex to Tehran before police arrived. No violence was reported.

The expected election of the fundamentalist Mr. Raja'i will cement the clergy's grip on power. Fundamentalists head the government and judiciary and dominate the Majlis (parliament).

Voters in some areas today were also choosing Majlis candidates to fill some 50 seats. About 30 of these were made vacant when a huge bomb destroyed the Tehran headquarters of the dominant Islamic Republic Party (IRP) last month.

Shootings continue

Last night an Iranian parliamentary candidate was shot dead at his home in the central city of Isfahan, Tehran radio had reported.

The radio said Hajjatoleslam Seyyed Hassan Beheshti (a cousin of the slain IRP leader M. Beheshti) fell victim to "a number of American imperialist agents."

He was a candidate for the Majlis.

The radio also reported that nine leftists were executed Wednesday night in the compound of Tehran's Levin Prison.

Bani-Sadr's message

The execution of the nine brought to 24 the number of leftists shot to death by firing squads on Wednesday.

## Argentine plane reportedly ferried Israeli military supplies to Iran

NICOSIA, July 24 (Agencies) — The Argentine cargo aircraft that crashed in the Soviet Union last week was ferrying military supplies from Israel to Iran, using Cyprus as a stopover point, the "Cyprus Weekly" newspaper reported today.

An official of the Cyprus Civil Aviation Department, who did not wish to be identified, confirmed that the Argentine plane had carried out a total of four flights in the past month between Tel Aviv and Tehran, using the island's international airport of Larnaca as a stopover point on each occasion.

But the official said the Cyprus authorities could not say what the cargo of the plane had been on each occasion.

The English language "Cyprus Weekly," quoting unspecified informants in London, said the gun-running connection was revealed by the fact that the only passenger aboard the crashed plane was an unidentified Briton, listed by foreign governments as an international gun-merchant.

The newspaper said Scotland Yard is investigating this Briton's activities and his presence on the crashed plane.

The Briton and the three Argentinian crewmen were killed when the plane crashed near the city of Yerevan, the capital of Soviet Armenia, last Saturday.

The rather mysterious circumstances of the crash and the shuttle of the Argentine plane between Israel and Iran have created considerable international interest.

Iran's revolutionary government broke off diplomatic relations with Israel as soon as it seized power and has been one of the staunchest supporters of the Palestinian cause and detractors of Israel in the intervening period.

Israel, which has been at war with Iran for the past 10 months, has charged repeatedly that its enemy was receiving spare parts and other military supplies for its U.S. equipped armed forces from Israel.

Arab diplomats in Nicosia who did not wish to be named said Iran's close relations with the Palestinians and Arab states like Syria and Libya,

that have supported it in its war against Iraq, would inevitably be strained if it is proved it has been receiving military supplies from Israel.

The crash of the Argentine plane—though it happened last Saturday—was not revealed by the Soviet authorities until Wednesday.

TASS, the official Soviet news agency reported then that a plane from Iran entered Soviet air space on Saturday and crashed near Yerevan after colliding with a Soviet aircraft.

"The crew of the plane did not respond to inquiries by Soviet air traffic control services and to attempts to render help to it, continuing its flight over Soviet territory and performing dangerous manoeuvres," TASS added.

The nationality of the plane was established when the Argentine foreign ministry also announced Wednesday it was trying to establish what had happened to an Argentine cargo plane intercepted near the Soviet-Turkish border by Soviet jet fighters.

A spokesman of the Argentine foreign ministry said in Buenos Aires Wednesday that the Argentine embassy in Moscow had informed the ministry that a cargo plane belonging to the Transport Aereo Rioplatense Company had changed route upon entering Turkish airspace while coming from Iran. For reasons unknown the plane headed for the Soviet border, where it was intercepted by Soviet aircraft, the spokesman added.

The Argentine foreign ministry said it was trying to determine what happened and the fate of the crew.

Sources of the Argentinian owners said the plane had a crew of three and also had a single passenger, an unidentified foreigner.

In a further development, Soviet authorities have turned down a request by the Argentine embassy to examine the wreckage of the cargo plane until they have positively identified it, an embassy spokesman said.

A British embassy spokesman later confirmed that the four-man crew included one Briton, but declined to identify him.

## PLO aide warns Arabs on need to use oil weapon

DAMASCUS, July 24 (R) — A Palestinian leader has threatened to destroy Arab oil installations unless Arab states send troops to the front line against Israel and use their oil weapon against Israel's backers.

The threat came from Mr. Mohammad Ghoneim (pseudonym Abu Maher), who was addressing 2,000 Palestinian recruits at a passing-out ceremony in a training camp west of Damascus last night.

Abu Maher, a member of the executive committee of Fateh, the largest Palestinian commando group, said: "The Palestinian revolution will destroy Arab oil if it is not used in the interests of the Arab confrontation against the Zionist enemy."

"The Arab states should move military forces to the front lines... if Arab leaders are afraid to take a stand against the United States and Israel in fear for their fortunes, then we say we will destroy this petrol."

The statement coincided with a threat by the 21-member Arab League to take joint action against the United States in retaliation for its military and political backing of Israel.

The League's Higher Defence Council met in Tunis last night to discuss a joint Arab strategy towards Israel's persistent attacks on Palestinian positions in South Lebanon (Story on page 1).

Abu Maher criticised what he called "the silence and inaction of Arab regimes towards the war of extermination" launched by Israel and the United States against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples.

He said statements and financial contributions were not enough. "They are not worth the price of the shrouds given to the Palestinian revolutionaries," he added.

## Egypt gives Sudan access to the Mediterranean

KHARTOUM, July 24 (R) — Egypt has given Sudan a stretch of land on its Mediterranean coast west of Alexandria to build a port, Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri told the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA).

The president, who is on a state visit to Egypt, said President Anwar Sadat had donated "in his name and on behalf of the Egyptian people a piece of land on the Mediterranean coast for the construction of a Sudanese port."

Port Sudan, on the Red Sea, is Sudan's only sea harbour.

President Numeiri said the gift would cement relations between the two countries and boost their political and economic integration programmes. SUNA reported.

In Cairo, officials said Egyptian and Sudanese experts would meet soon to work out details of the planned port.

## U.S. Jewish leaders reportedly distressed by Israeli raid on Beirut

NEW YORK, July 24 (R) — U.S. Jewish community leaders are distressed by Israel's bombing of heavily populated areas of Beirut and some fear it could harm the special relationship between the United States and Israel.

But although several prominent U.S. Jews have spoken against the raid, many leaders are rallying in support of Israel, and there appears to be no organized criticism of the Begin government.

In New York yesterday, a conference of the leaders of the 34 largest U.S. Jewish communities insisted that Israel was forced into the air raid on Beirut by attacks by the Palestine Liberation Organ-

isation (PLO) on Israeli settlements.

An estimated 300 people were killed and 800 injured in the Israeli bombings aimed at destroying the headquarters of Palestinian commando groups.

"Jews don't like to be in a position where the country they love, Israel, is causing civilian casualties," said a spokesman for the conference of presidents of major American Jewish organisations.

But, he added, "it is the PLO's war against Israel which is the not cause of the casualties and the destruction."

Traditionally the American Jewish community, the world's largest, has firmly supported

Israel, regardless of controversy.

Even if the White House has had differences with the Jewish state, Israel has been able to count on support from Congress.

But there has been a notable lack of open reaction in Congress to the Beirut raid and to an extended suspension by President Reagan of deliveries of F-16 jet fighters to Israel.

Congressional sources suggested this indicated deep concern among Israel's supporters. The silence on Capitol Hill is in contrast to the sharp debate following Israel's bombing of Iraq's nuclear reactor.

Some Jewish leaders interviewed today suggested the

Reagan administration should now pressure moderate Arab states to cut off arms aid to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Mr. Nathan Perlmutter, director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said it was time the United States used "its persuasive talents to cause the Saudis to cease and desist from providing the funds for arming the PLO."

Otherwise it would face increasing Soviet activity in the area, he said. "When the United States says it cannot or will not send airplanes to Israel, it is an invitation to the PLO to continue the violence."

But he declined to criticise the

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Rivalry explodes at the Games

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Kathy Smallwood raised British hopes of a women's sprint double with an impressive victory in the 200-metre heats today. Smallwood, fifth in the last year's Olympic final, clocked 23.39 seconds, slower than her recent winning time in a match against the Soviet Union but quick enough to make her the second fastest qualifier behind East German Kerstin Walther, who clocked 23.34.

was a popular winner of the women's race, showing a fine tactical sense by dictating the pace from the front before sprinting away to win in 4:05.35, 0.35 of a second inside the record.

"fair competition was not possible." "We felt all the time that the atmosphere had prepared second place for us," he said.

ABC to discuss Taiwan's reaffiliation

MANILA, July 24 (R) — Taiwan's reaffiliation to the Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) will be a major topic for discussion at an ABC executive meeting in Manila on August 2, games officials said today.

HART want to make NZ unpoliceable

HAMILTON, New Zealand, July 24 (R) — Another nationwide day of protest is expected in New Zealand tomorrow when the South African Rugby Union team plays the second game of its tour, a leading anti-tour leader said.

All-African championships postponed

NDON, July 24 (R) — The All-African Athletics Championships — a qualifying competition for the world cup — scheduled for Nigeria next month has been postponed indefinitely, news agency for Nigeria said in a report monitored here today.

Udo, in an incident at a Lagos police checkpoint. Athletes who have come to Nigeria for training and meets before the All-African Championships, scheduled for the University of Benin from August 11 to 16, have stopped training and held demonstrations of protest against Udo's death.

Lotus 87 substitutes for 88B

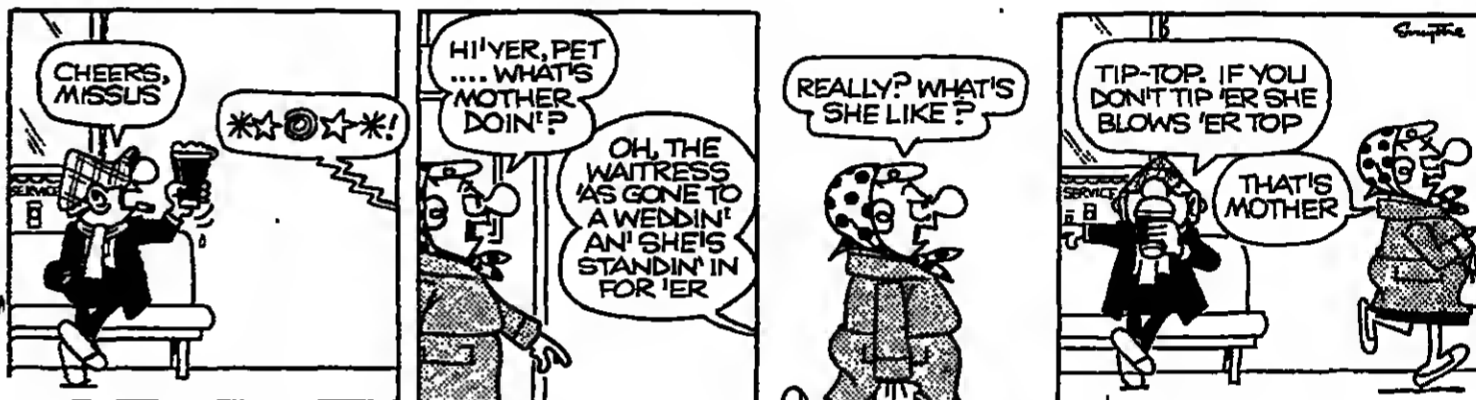
LONDON, July 24 (R) — Colin Chapman, head of the Lotus Formula One motor-racing team, said today the team would be equipped with Lotus 87 cars instead of the new 88B in the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim on August 8.

Chapman, who has been in dispute with FISA since his new car was first banned at the U.S. Grand Prix (West) in Long Beach, California, in March, said today he would not take the 88B to any more races for the time being.

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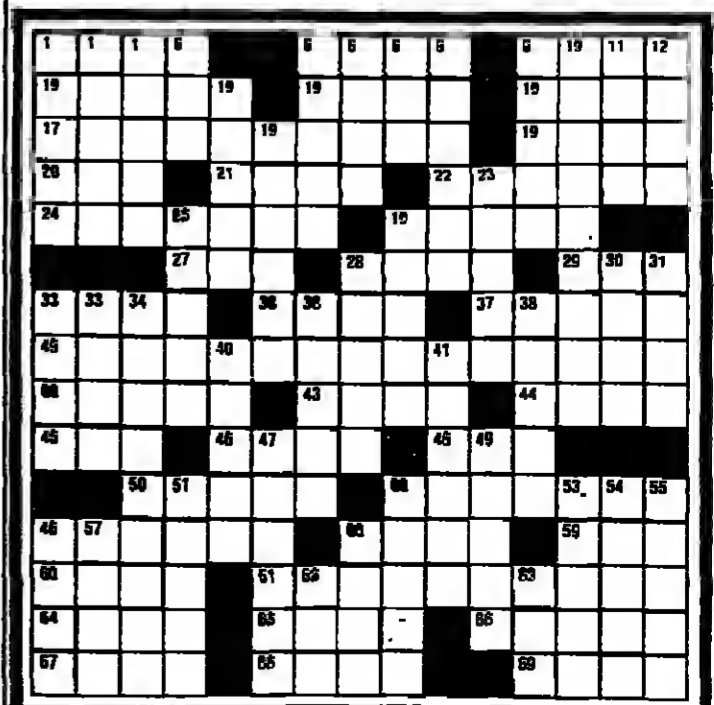
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# WORLD

## Ciro Cirillo freed among media cries of blackmail

ROME, July 24 (R) — Italy's Red Brigades freed a second hostage within 12 hours today and newspapers expressed concern that the country had given in to blackmail.

Christian Democratic politician **Ciro Cirillo**, 60, kidnapped by the urban guerrillas on April 27, was found alive and well at dawn today by a police patrol in a suburb of Naples.

In Milan last night the brigades freed **Renzo Sandrucci**, 53, an executive of the Alfa Romeo car firm whom they had abducted on June 3.

The left-wing guerrillas said two days ago their demands had been met and the hostages would be released.

A third hostage, **Roberto Peci**, the 25-year old brother of a brigades member turned informer, is still in captivity but the guerrillas have said that he will be released soon.

With the brigades proclaiming all their operations successes, the left-wing newspaper *La Repubblica* commented: "Today we should be asking ourselves anxiously: who will be kidnapped next?"

### Indignation

And under the headline "the blackmail continues," the conservative *Corriere della Sera* said: "If the blackmailers achieve their ends, as they usually do, by the payment of large amounts, they

are encouraged to kidnap and blackmail again."

A brigades communique on July 22 said over \$1 million had been "expropriated" from the Christian Democratic Party and Mr. Cirillo's family for his release.

The claim was strongly denied by party secretary **Flaminio Piccoli**. But *Corriere della Sera* said today: "If it turns out to be true... then one must conclude that the brigades are helped not only by their supporters but also, through cowardice, by some of their enemies who hold decisive positions in national and local government."

Several other demands by the guerrillas were met before Mr. Sandrucci and Mr. Cirillo were released.

Mr. Cirillo headed the committee for reconstruction in Naples after last November's earthquake, and with their usual grim irony his captors dumped him today opposite a collapsed skyscraper in which 40 people died at that time.

They had accused him of exploitation, and demanded the confiscation of second homes for those made homeless by the earthquake and special benefits for the city's unemployed.

Mr. Cirillo was forced to advo-

cate these causes in letters and videotaped messages. The authorities speeded up both measures but denied any connection with his kidnapping.

One of the demands for Mr. Sandrucci's release was met when Alfa announced that 500 laid-off workers would return to their jobs on Sept. 1, a month ahead of schedule. The company said Mr. Sandrucci's fate had nothing to do with the deal it had reached with the labour unions.

But the brigades made it clear they felt their demands had been conceded, saying: "From north to south we have tried the capitalistic system and the Christian Democratic regime with its servants."

The brigades had also demanded publication of their communiques and texts of the hostages' "people's trials."

Most major papers did not print the material, but the Socialist Party paper *Avanti* ran the text of Mr. Sandrucci's interrogation.



Lady Diana Spencer with two of the children at the London kindergarten where she taught before her betrothal. (Story below) (LPS photo)

## The nursery days of Lady Di

## CIA chief in trouble

WASHINGTON, July 24 (A.P.) — William J. Casey's six-month tenure as CIA director is in growing doubt after U.S. Senate intelligence committee chairman **Barry Goldwater** accused him of damaging the spy agency and publicly suggested that he resign.

Mr. Goldwater also said committee investigators were examining whether Mr. Casey misled the Senate during his confirmation process last January. White House spokesmen said today that Mr. Casey still has President Reagan's confidence. "That he (Casey) appointed an inexperienced man to be in effect the nation's top spy was bad enough," Mr. Goldwater said in an extraordinary news conference last night. "I must say that as a person with a long involvement with intelligence matters, that was

a very bad mistake and I might even say dangerous."

"The damage done by Mr. Hugel's appointment is a sufficient position for Mr. Casey to decide to retire or the president to have him retire," the senator said. Mr. Goldwater noted, however: "Mr. Casey is a creature of the president. As long as the president retains confidence in him, he stays."

President Reagan "has heard nothing that has changed his mind" about the Casey affair, White House spokesman **David Gergen** said today. Deputy press secretary **Larry Speakes** said White House chief of staff **Jim Baker** would talk to Mr. Goldwater today to "see what his views are" on the situation. Mr. Goldwater said yesterday he had not yet talked with Mr. Reagan about Casey's status.

Senate majority leader **Howard H. Baker Jr.**, Republican-Tennessee, told reporters he talked to Mr. Goldwater about the situation early today. His statement referred to the Vatican's appointment June 1 of **Tang**, a Canton bishop and former political prisoner, as archbishop of the southern Chinese province. The patriotic catholic association refused to recognise the appointment, stripped Tang of his bishop's title and declared him persona non grata in China.

## Chinese C. Church snubs Vatican

PEKING, July 24 (A.P.) — In a defiant "counter-blow" to the Vatican the independent Chinese Catholic Church ordained five new bishops today and denounced the Pope for appointing an archbishop for the autonomous Chinese church. "This action is a counter-blow to the Vatican, which has ignored the sovereignty of the Chinese Church and illegally appointed **Deng Yim** in **Bominic Tang** as archbishop of **Guangdong province**," said one of the five bishops ordained.

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The official Chinese news agency reported that the five new bishops were ordained in an elaborate consecration ceremony in Peking's **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church**.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Super-antibiotics group found in USA

NEWARK, New Jersey, July 24 (A.P.) — A bacteria found in the soil of a heavily wooded area of southern New Jersey produces a new group of super-antibiotics that could fight infections resistant to penicillin and other drugs, Squibb Institute researchers say. Squibb scientists said the single molecular structure of the new class of antibiotics, called monobactams, are not easily neutralized by bacteria able to deactivate penicillin and other groups of antibiotics. Researchers studied more than one million bacteria from across the globe to find a monobactam, said **Dr. Richard Sykes**, associate director of Squibb Institute. "The irony of all this is that the answer was in our backyard after all," Dr. Sykes said. "The soil sample that led to the right compound came from the pine barrens only a few miles from our Princeton laboratories." Squibb said tests using human volunteers on the new drug are under way, and clinical studies are pending. Antibiotics have helped conquer infections that were major killers a generation ago, but now bacterial strains have appeared which are resistant to the presently available drugs.

### Malaysian Chinese sentenced to death

KUALA LUMPUR, July 24 (R) — A 38-year-old seamstress has become the first woman to be sentenced to death under Malaysia's tough internal security act. **Thye Siew Heong** and her husband, **Lim Re Song**, 39, a tailor, were given the mandatory death sentence for possessing nine hand-grenades. The couple, both Malaysian Chinese, were arrested in September 1977 after police raided their house in the state of Selangor. They asked the court for mercy, saying she had a four-year-old child, but the judge told her there was only one sentence the court could pass. Eighteen men have been hanged during the past five months under the act most of them for illegal possession of firearms.

### Titanic's location remains a mystery

BOSTON, Massachusetts, July 24 (A.P.) — A researcher who was aboard the vessel that scanned the ocean floor for the **Titanic** says the sunken luxury liner's location remains a mystery and the expedition came up empty-handed. "We didn't discover a whole ship sitting on the bottom," **Mark Olsson** said after the 174-foot research vessel **Gyre** arrived in Boston yesterday morning. "We found tantalising clues...we now know where it's not." The research vessel **Gyre** spent about nine days in the North Atlantic searching for the ocean liner that smashed to an iceberg on its maiden voyage April 15, 1912, and plunged to the bottom 12,000 feet of water, killing more than 1,500 people. The line was reportedly carrying up to \$300 million in diamonds and other valuables. Researchers said yesterday that the next step in the search — which began with an unsuccessful mission a year ago — is a third trip to sea that would last at least a month. The **Gyre** searched 100 square kilometres of ocean floor, including a massive canyon into which the **Titanic** may have fallen. If the ship's last reported position was in error, another expedition would have to cover hundreds of additional kilometres. The scientists and adventurers displayed a variety of black and white photographs purporting to show some small man-made objects on the ocean floor, but no one could say whether they were from the **Titanic** and earlier reports of a huge metal object proved premature.

### Whites discriminated in favour of blacks

ST. LOUIS, Arkansas, July 24 (A.P.) — American employes may refuse to hire whites in favour of blacks if a sincere attempt being made to make up for past racial discrimination, an appeal court says. The U.S. circuit court of appeals last Tuesday rejected two claims of reverse discrimination against whites — one by a trucker who was not hired by **Novack Investment Co.** of St. Louis and the other by a woman whose job application was rejected by **Arkansas State University**. In the trucker's case the full appeal court issued a verdict overruling a decision by a three-judge appellate panel. Affirmative action plans, the court said, are "only effective remedy for past discriminatory practices against blacks and other minorities". The rulings came in the case of **Bonnie Valentine**, who was denied a job on the university's business education faculty in 1976 and **Charles W. Sester**, whose applications were twice rejected by **Novack** in 1973. In the rulings, the court said an affirmative action plan must be designed to hire enough minority applicants so the workforce is in "balance that would have been achieved absent the past discrimination."

## Lodz mayor telegrams Warsaw for more meat

WARSAW, July 24 (R) — Mayor **Jozef Niewiadomski** of **Lodz**, Poland's second largest city, has been sending telegrams to Warsaw almost every other day pleading for more meat, local officials of the independent union **Solidarity** said today.

The mayor, explaining the reasons behind a chronic meat shortage in **Lodz** to **Solidarity**, said his requests were ignored.

His predicament, shared by his colleagues across the country, illustrates the dilemma which led the government last night to announce a 20 per cent reduction in meat rations.

Polish shops have a shortfall of 14,000 tonnes of meat per month but the country cannot afford to make up the difference with imports.

The mayor of **Lodz** said Warsaw supplies only enough meat for his city's registered population of 1.34 million. That fails to provide for the 120,000 workers who commute from nearby towns.

**Solidarity** officials said they decided after the meeting with the mayor to go ahead with hunger protests, including a women's march, in **Lodz** next week to put

pressure on the Warsaw authorities. A similar march will be staged in the city of **Kutno** tomorrow.

**Solidarity** immediately condemned the decision to reduce basic meat rations from 3.5 to three kilos per person. It said the government should increase imports.

Food supplies will be a main item on the agenda during a meeting today of **Solidarity's** national commission, the first important **Solidarity** council since the ruling Communist Party's emergency congress ended on Monday.

Government proposals to increase food prices by between 200 and 400 per cent would also be discussed, officials at the union's **Gdansk** headquarters said.

The price rises are part of a major economic recovery programme, and the government will need **Solidarity's** support if they are to be implemented without major protests.

The union's leader **Lech Walesa** said in a speech yesterday that price rises were indispensable but should be the last component of the economic reform.

## Madrid talks to be adjourned

MADRID, July 24 (R) — Delegates at the marathon European security conference agreed today to adjourn their meeting next Tuesday until October 27, conference sources said.

The adjournment, became virtually inevitable at the beginning of this week when NATO countries and the Soviet Union rejected each other's compromise proposals on military security.

This is the main outstanding area of disagreement at the 35-country meeting, which opened last November and was supposed to finish more than four months ago.

The sources said the conference would adjourn after a plenary session on Tuesday afternoon. The goal now was to finish the negotiations, intended to revive East-West detente, by mid-December.

## Washington Star to close on Aug. 7

WASHINGTON, July 24 (A.P.) — The **Washington Star** will cease publication Aug. 7, its parent company, **Time Inc.**, announced yesterday.

Time president **Richard Munro** cited the paper's mounting financial losses and said, "This is a sad day for all those connected with the **Star** — its readers, its talented, loyal staff and many of us at **Time Inc.** who tried our utmost to turn it into a profitable enterprise."

He said the newspaper's employees were being told of the closing at an early morning meeting.

"Despite our substantial

investment, the newspaper continues to lose money and shows no prospect of financial improvement. Regrettably, we have no choice but to close it."

**Time Inc.** bought the **Star** in March 1978 from Texas financier **Joe L. Allbritton** for \$210 million. **Time** said then that it would invest \$60 million over five years in an attempt to make the newspaper profitable.

Mr. Munro's statement said the paper has been losing money at the rate of about \$20 million per year.

It had once been **Washington's** premier newspaper, but in recent years had only a fraction of the

Post's circulation and advertising.

The Post circulation, as of Sept. 30, 1980, was 584,500 daily and \$20,000 on Sundays.

But the **Star's** circulation, Mr. Munro said in his announcement, had fallen to 323,000 daily and 294,000 on Sundays.

## Afghan rebels fight each other near Russian base

NEW DELHI, July 24 (A.P.) — Two bands of anti-Marxist rebels fought each other recently when they could not agree on an attack on **Bagram**, the Soviet airbase outside **Kabul**, according to a report reaching here yesterday from the Afghan capital.

Many people were killed and others were wounded on each side in the day-long battle last week, said the report from an independent source. This was the first report of serious fighting among the rebels in several months.

It shattered a fragile truce among the rebels in the **Kabul** area, who have been unusually cooperative in recent weeks against their common foes — the estimated 90,000 Soviet troops and Afghan supporters of Marxist President **Babrak Karmal**.

The report said the latest fighting erupted after a band of **Jamiyate guerrillas** tried to take up positions for launching an attack on the huge **Bagram** airbase, located about 50 kilometres north of **Kabul**.

The area around **Bagram** is controlled by **Hizbe Islami** fighters who refused permission for the attack and told the **Jamiyate guerrillas** to leave, the report said. The **Jamiyate** insurgents refused and the two bands fell on each other.

Efforts by other guerrillas bands in **Parwan** province to halt the battle were unsuccessful, the report added, quoting a witness.

The fighting drew a stern

rebuke from other rebel groups who warned the **Hizbe** tribesmen in clandestine pamphlets called "night letters," the source said.

Meanwhile, other Afghan insurgents attacked four large warehouses outside **Kabul** and destroyed a large supply of goods from the Soviet Union, the report said.

An estimated \$10 million worth of goods were burnt or stolen in the raid last week, the report quoted an unidentified commerce ministry official as saying.

Meanwhile, Afghan premier **Sultan Ali Kistmand** said in a current magazine interview that the Soviet Union and his country will "sink or swim together." "The people of Afghanistan and the Soviet Union are destined to live together," Mr. Kistmand said in an interview with **Ayub Syed**, editor of the **Independent Current** magazine published in **Bombay**.

Mr. Kistmand, who was appointed prime minister last month during a major shakeup of president **Babrak Karmal's** Marxist regime, also defended the Russian military presence in his country. Ruling out reconciliation talks with rebels battling the **Kabul** regime Mr. Kistmand declared that Soviet troops will remain in his country "as long as foreign interference continues — so long as the reactionaries led by **Washington** do not openly renounce their designs of occupying Afghanistan."

## Swiss leader blasts Armenian terrorism

BERNE, Switzerland, July 24 (A.P.) — In unusually stringent language, Swiss President **Kurt**

**Furgler** condemned today the series of terrorist bombings in four large Swiss cities this week, asserting that authorities will not yield to terrorist blackmail.

Armenian extremists, pressing for the release of a commando jailed in **Geneva**, claimed credit for detonating timebombs on successive days this week in **Berne**, **Zurich**, **Lausanne** and **Geneva**, injuring 36 persons.

Mr. Furgler, in a statement released by the Federal Department of Justice and Police, said he "condemns most severely these acts of blind terrorism which endanger lives of innocent people." Swiss authorities, Mr. Furgler's statement added, "have no intention of being intimidated by these cowardly acts of violence, nor of yielding to blackmail of terrorist organisations."

An elusive anti-Swiss group calling itself the "June 9th organisation," said it planted the bombs, all of which were assembled with timing devices.

The group takes its name from the date, last month, an avowed Armenian commando was arrested in **Geneva** in the slaying of a Turkish consular employee.

The suspect, **Amrdiros M. Jamkocjian**, 23, is awaiting trial in **Geneva** on a charge of premeditated murder.

# Lady Diana Spencer gets ready for royal future

By Leslie Dowd

LONDON — At the age of 20, blue-eyed lady **Diana Spencer** faces the ordeal of appearing before a world television audience of 500 million when she weds **Prince Charles**, heir to the British throne, on July 29.

Yet her performance in the public eye to date, under constant pressure from watching newsmen, has brought general confidence that the tall, pretty blonde will be steadfast on the day.

Lady Di, as she is now familiarly called, has in fact near-perfect credentials for the gruelling royal life, which requires reserves of poise and tact.

She grew up on the royal country estate at **Sandringham** in a house rented by her courtier father and from her earliest days **Queen Elizabeth** was "Aunt Lilibet."

She is, like **Charles**, a direct descendant of **King James the First**, making the couple 16th cousins.

Lady Di has won the affection of the British, who regard her as sweet and unaffected.

She is showing a cool, pleasant face to the world as she prepared for the excitement of the day. She is the centre of interest on her appearances at the theatre, a garden party or the races, always dressed with conservative good taste.

Women note with deep interest what she wears, which influences fashions. Her wedding dress, by young London designers **David and Elizabeth Emanuel**, is being treated as a state secret to be disclosed on the wedding day.

Her only public pronouncement to date has been when the engagement was announced on Feb. 24. Asked how she thought she would cope, she said: "with **Charles** by my side I can't go wrong."

"I never had any doubts at all."

**Diana Frances Spencer** was born on July 1, 1961, third daughter of **Viscount Althorp**, heir to the seventh **Earl Spencer**. Her mother was a daughter of the fourth **baron Fernoy**.

"Was she too close to notice — or could it be he was waiting for to grow up?" asked the **Daily Express**.

**Diana** speaks French, swims and skis and said of **Charles**: "Both us love music and dancing and we share the same sense of humour."

**Lord Spencer** said of his daughter: "Even being royal will not dull **Diana's** good humour — or her giggle."

She does not, however, share the royal passion for horses and said "I fell off one once and lost my nerve."

The fortune of the **Spencer** family (motto: God defend the right) was built on sheep farming in the 15th century. **Diana** is descent five times from **King Charles the Second** and twice from **King John the Second**.

When she was 14, her father inherited the senior title of **Earl Spencer** and the family went to live among the **Rubens** and **Dykes** of **Althorp**, the 460-year-old family seat.

**Diana** was not noted as a scholar — although she won a prize trying — and left school at 16 for a "finishing" school in **Switzerland** where aristocratic girls traditionally acquire polish.

In 1967 her parents separated and her father later married **Rita** the daughter of romantic novelist **Barbara Cartland**.

**Charles** first dated her elder sister **Sarah** and was reported to be hurt in 1978 when the **Sun** newspaper quoted **Sarah**, asked if a marriage was possible, as replying: "If he asked me I'd turn him down."

**Diana's** own romance with **Charles**, 13 years her senior, was unknown to the public. **Diana** told people her boyfriend was **Charles Renfrew** — one of **Charles'** titles is **baron Renfrew**.

In **London**, **Diana** avoided the rowdy discos and parties — "haunted by the wealthy young set. She loves children and worked kindergarten school."

She stood up well to the presence outside her **London** flat, of she shared with three other girls, of **Fleet Street's** unquenchable press corps. Only once did she break down in tears, when newsmen lowered her car. They sent her a note of apology.

She also fulfilled a more delicate qualification. Her uncle, **L. Fermo**, told the press: "Lady **Diana**, I can assure you, has never a lover."

"The world is returning to love and pure morals," **Diana's** step-grandmother **Barbara Cartland** said of the romance.

Despite its compensations, her life as a "royal" and certain queen will be arduous. She must never show boredom or weariness even during the longest round of official duties.

She must remember that thousands who meet and see her likely to treasure the moment.

"She has, in short, agreed to make herself a piece of public property," wrote journalist **Anthony Holden**, **Prince Charles'** biographer.

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